

Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: August 22, 1951

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE, was.
SECURITY MATTER - C
(Bufile 100-29988)

Rerep of SA [REDACTED] dated 4/10/51, New York.

Attached are corrected copies of page 6 of referenced report. It is to be noted that paragraph 8, line 2 states "WNYC Screened to Bar Radio Songs". This should read "WNYC Screened to Bar Red Songs".

Corrected copies of page 6 have been included in the referenced report by the NYO and the old pages destroyed. Corrected pages are also being furnished the Oklahoma City Division.

No further investigation is being contemplated by the NYO at this time and no leads are presently outstanding in this case.

This case is being placed in a closed status in the NYO.

Enclosures (5)

cc: Oklahoma (Encls. 2) (100-5548)

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FORM No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

NEW YORK

FILE NO.

REPORT MADE AT MIAMI	DATE WHEN MADE MAY 13 1952	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/30/52	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] BMH:rew
TITLE WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE, Was.			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C DECLASSIFIED BY SP-5 [REDACTED] ON 6/26/90
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject GUTHRIE spent several weeks with [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] Jacksonville, Florida, during November and December, 1951, after which he departed in December or January, 1952, for New York City, where he was last reported in March, 1952. Informant advises subject was egocentric and did not in his presence express any views indicative of sympathy to the Soviet. - RUC - AT JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA Miami Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised that he had had occasion to be in the residence of [REDACTED] located on [REDACTED] and, after viewing the photograph of subject GUTHRIE, stated that this photograph did not bear the likeness of any individual that he had seen at [REDACTED] house during January or February, 1952. This Informant also viewed the photographs of the three individuals convicted for conspiracy to advocate the violent overthrow of the Government in New York City and the four persons indicted on this same charge, and who are not now in custody. This Informant, after viewing			
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the photographs, advised that they did not bear the likeness of any individual whom he had observed at the residence of [REDACTED]

Miami Confidential Informant T-2, of known reliability, advised that during the past three months he has observed no correspondence addressed to the subject, care of the residence address of [REDACTED]

The reporting Agent viewed the photograph of WOODIE GUTHRIE, subject of New York investigation, entitled as indicated in this report. This photograph is the likeness of the WOODIE GUTHRIE, who was observed at the residence of [REDACTED] during November and early January, 1952.

Miami Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, advised that he has had occasion to visit the residence of [REDACTED] on a number of occasions. He viewed the photograph of WOODIE GUTHRIE, subject of New York case entitled as in this report, and advised that this was a likeness of a person whom he met at [REDACTED] residence in November or December, 1951. This Informant stated that GUTHRIE had remained at the [REDACTED] residence for several weeks and that, either during the latter part of December, 1951, or early January, 1952, departed from Jacksonville, ostensibly for return to New York City. Informant also stated that only recently, in conversation with [REDACTED] he learned that [REDACTED] had received during the past three or four weeks, a letter from GUTHRIE, who was then residing in New York City.

Informant also viewed the photographs of the three convicted Communists and of the four Communists who are indicted in New York City and who had not, as yet, been apprehended. Informant stated that these photographs were not likenesses of any persons that he had observed at the residence of [REDACTED]

Informant stated that during the Summer of 1951, in conversation with [REDACTED] indicated that he had invited to his residence in Jacksonville an individual who was a singer and guitar player from New York. According to the Informant, finally in November or December of 1951, this individual arrived in Jacksonville to spend some time with [REDACTED]. He stated that he met this person on two or three occasions; that at no time did he ever get into any discussion with GUTHRIE, at which time GUTHRIE indicated any sympathy to the Soviet Government. The Informant described GUTHRIE as

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very egocentric and stated that he seemed most concerned about himself. Informant also advised that from [REDACTED] he learned that GUTHRIE was supposed to have written a book entitled, "Bound for Glory," which was reportedly an autobiography of GUTHRIE, and that he had written and also sang many labor songs. He stated also that GUTHRIE was supposed to have written the recent hit, "So Long, It's Been Good to Know You," and that he was supposed to be receiving considerable earnings from this song. [REDACTED] described GUTHRIE to the Informant as an individual who hitch-hiked around the country with his guitar and seemed to be satisfied from his earnings as a song writer. Informant also understood that GUTHRIE was married to an individual who was a teacher at a dancing school in New York, from whom he wanted a divorce at the present time. Informant advised that he had no other information concerning GUTHRIE, other than that the [REDACTED] mentioned a few days previously, that they heard from GUTHRIE about three or four weeks before and that GUTHRIE, at that time, was in New York City where he was living.

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ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

INFORMANTS

Confidential Informant T-1 is [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
who desired that his identity be kept confidential.

Confidential Informant T-2 is [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] who has
[REDACTED] for the past 40 years.

Confidential Informant T-3 is [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] who has
known the subject for many years and desired that his identity be kept
confidential.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-29988)

FROM : SAC, New York (100-87247)

SUBJECT: WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE, was
SM - C

DATE: 7/29/53

Card U.T.D.

8-14-53

The captioned individual has been the subject of a security investigation by this office. The Miami Division has verified the permanent presence of the subject in its division as residing and working at the addresses listed below. The Miami Division is being considered the new office of origin.

Residence Address: Route 6, Box 263
Jacksonville, Florida

Business Address: Unknown

Check the following applicable statements:

- ☒ This individual has been the subject of a Communist Index Card.
- ☒ This individual is the subject of a Security Index Card.
(The Bureau is requested to make the appropriate changes in the Security Index at the Seat of Government. The Miami Division should affix the addresses reflected above and the appropriate case file number.)
- ☒ This subject was tabbed for Detcom.
- ☒ This subject was tabbed for Comsab.
- ☒ This subject was carried as a Key Figure or Top Functionary.
- ☒ Handwriting specimens have been furnished to the Bureau.
- ☒ A photograph has been furnished to the Bureau.
- ☒ A security flash notice has been placed with the Identification Division.
- The following pertinent items are being forwarded to the new office of origin with its copies of this letter:

2 Security Index Cards

Serials (specify)

- 1 - Report of SA [redacted] Los Angeles, 8/3/50.
1 - Report of SA [redacted] Dallas, 2/14/51.
1 - Report of SA [redacted] New York, 2/24/51.
1 - Report of SA [redacted] New York, 4/10/51.
1 - Report of SA [redacted] Oklahoma City, 7/3/51.

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2 cc: Miami Division (Encs) (5) (100-12183)

Summary report follows.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-29988)

DATE: September 9, 1953

FROM : SAC, Miami (100-12183)

SUBJECT: ~~W~~ WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE, was.
SECURITY MATTER - C

The above named is subject of Security Index Card whose permanent home apparently is in New York City, New York. During April, 1953, subject accompanied by Mrs. ~~ANNEKE~~ MARSHALL, of Lansdale, Pennsylvania, came to Jacksonville, Florida, and took up what has again proved to be temporary residence at the home of [REDACTED] b7C

Investigation discloses that subject and Mrs. MARSHALL who is apparently calling herself Mrs. GUTHRIE moved from this address during the latter part of July, 1953, furnishing as a forwarding address the following: Box 673, Topanga, California.

The Los Angeles Office is requested to verify address of this subject.

REGISTERED MAIL

WJL:mj

2 cc: Los Angeles (RM)
1 cc: New York (100-87247) (RM)

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ORIGINATED AT MIAMI

PORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE SEP 11 1953	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/21/51; 12/22/52; 2/18; 4/10, 21; 5/6; 8/19-21/53	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c
TITLE WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE, was: Woodrow Wilson Guthrie "Woody" Guthrie			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C

WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE, was:
Woodrow Wilson Guthrie
"Woody" Guthrie

DECLASSIFIED BY SP9 AC/ [REDACTED]
ON **11-21-94**
Appeal 90-1003

SUMMARY REPORT

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR
ADD. DISSEMINATION.

Synopsis:

Subject resides Rural Route #6, Jacksonville, Florida; employed free lance folk singer. Subject wrote article for "Daily Worker" admitting joining CP in 1936. [T-2] advised subject entertained the National Committee of CP at private affairs during 1940's and had seen subject on numerous occasions at CP meetings. Subject wrote a humor column for the "Daily Worker." [T-3] advised that subject member of CP from 1947 to January 1951. "Daily Worker" issue of 8/10/43 carries article written by subject. [T-6] advised subject subscribed to "Daily Worker" in January 1950 and May 1952. Subject wrote article for "Daily Worker" in issues of 1/7/45 and 1/12/47 and for "Daily Peoples World" in issue of 10/5/49. [T-8] advised in 1950 subject closely associated with group of expelled CP members and Veterans of Abraham Lincoln Brigade who were organized for sabotage. Subject attended a number of meetings of this group. Subject on advisory committee of Peoples Songs in February 1946 and on its Board of Directors from April 1946 to March 1947. [T-11] advised subject lectured at Tom Paine School of Social Science at Philadelphia in 1942. [T-12] advised subject member of IWO Lodge 514 in July 1950, June 1951 and April 1952. [T-14] advised subject to entertain the Workers School of NYC on 5/23/43.

CLASS. & EXT. BY [REDACTED]
REASON: [REDACTED]
DATE OF REVIEW [REDACTED]

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DETAILS:

A. BACKGROUND

1. Birthdate

The records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Oklahoma State Department of Health, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, reflect a birth record of the subject. Delay Volume #640, page 313, reflects that the subject was born July 14, 1912, at Okemah, Okfusku County, Oklahoma. His father was listed as CHARLEY EDWARD GUTHRIE, born in Texas, and his mother as NORA BELLE SHERMAN, born in Kansas.

2. Citizenship

As previously set forth, the subject is a United States citizen by birth.

3. Marital Status

Subject is reportedly married to MARJORIE GUTHRIE, who is also known as Marjorie Mazia and Mrs. Anthony Marra, who presently resides at 157-13 85 Street, Queens, New York.

The records of the Regional Office of the Veterans Administration, located at 681 Clarkson Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, were reviewed on April 10, 1953, by SA [REDACTED]. These records reflect the subject filed a claim on July 23, 1952, in which he advised he married MARJORIE GREENBLATT in 1945. The place of marriage was not given. The claim further stated that he had three children of this marriage, who were 5, 3 and 2 years of age in 1952.

[REDACTED] Beach Haven Apartments, Management Office at 2611 West 2nd Street, Brooklyn, New York, was interviewed by SA [REDACTED] on May 21, 1953. She stated that her organization owned and operated the apartments at 49 Murdock Court, Brooklyn, New York, where the subject resided with his wife in 1952. She stated that Mrs. GUTHRIE, subject's wife, operated a dancing school in the Sheepshead Bay area under the name of MARJORIE MAZIA.

The Brooklyn Telephone Directory has the following listing: "MARJORIE MAZIA, School of Dancing, 1618 Sheepshead Bay Road."

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The Veterans Administration records reflect that in 1945 the subject advised he was married to MARY JENNINGS GUTHRIE, 4002 Bliss Street, El Paso, Texas. He listed GWENDOLYN GALE GUTHRIE, CAROLYN SUE GUTHRIE, and BILL ROGERS GUTHRIE as children born of this marriage.

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[REDACTED], El Paso County Court House, El Paso, Texas, advised [REDACTED] MARY ESTHER JENNINGS. He stated that [REDACTED] was formerly married to the subject whom she divorced in 1945.

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4. Military Service

The records of the Regional Office of the Veterans Administration, previously mentioned, reflect the subject was inducted into the United States Army at Fort Dix, New Jersey, on May 8, 1945. He was given Army Serial Number 422-346-34 and was honorably discharged at Mitchel Field, New York, as a private first class on January 12, 1946.

5. Residence

Subject is residing at Rural Route 6, Box 263, Jacksonville, Florida. The above address is referred to as "Beluthatchee." He is reported to be residing there with Mrs. ANNEKE MARSHALL of Lansdale, Pennsylvania, since April 1953.

Veterans Administration records reflect that at the time of the subject's discharge from the Army in January 1946 he gave his home address as 3520 Mermaid Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. It was determined at the Beach Haven Apartments that the subject moved from 3520 Mermaid Avenue to 49 Murdock Court, Apartment 1J, on October 1, 1950.

[REDACTED] Beach Haven Apartments, advised that the subject had broken his lease and moved from the Murdock address on December 12, 1952. [REDACTED] advised that while she had no personal knowledge of the subject's private affairs, it was her understanding from conversation with other employees at the Management Office that the subject had not been living with his wife for several months prior to their removal from the Murdock address. During this time some unknown man was living with Mrs. GUTHRIE and her children.

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(u) [REDACTED] T-1, of known reliability, advised SA [REDACTED] on April 10, 1953, that on December 5, 1952, the subject moved from 49 Murdock Court to 159-13 85 Street, Ozone Park, Queens, New York.

On April 10, 1953, SA [REDACTED] observed that 159-13 85 Street, Ozone Park, was situated in a development of newly erected one family houses. [REDACTED] of these homes when interviewed, advised that 159-13 85 Street was sold to ANTHONY G. MARRA and his wife. A review of the file disclosed that the original application for this home was filed by Mrs. MARJORIE MAZIA GUTHRIE. This application had been changed by erasure to Mrs. ANTHONY MARRA and then to ANTHONY G. MARRA. [REDACTED] said that he was very sorry that [REDACTED] because Mrs. MARRA or MAZIA or "whatever her name is" had been a very unsatisfactory person in the project. He explained that the subject's wife had a dance studio in the Sheepshead Bay area, and that she was not at home during the day, leaving her children in the care of a full time maid.

6. Employment

Subject is employed as a free lance folk singer. He has also been employed as an author and musician. He wrote the song, "So Long, It's Been Good To Know You," and was the author of the book, "Bound for Glory," published by E. P. Dutton and Company, Incorporated, New York, in 1943.

7. Status of Health

[REDACTED] at the Brooklyn State Hospital for the Mentally Ill, at 681 Clarkson Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, was interviewed on April 10, 1953, by SA [REDACTED] advised that the subject entered this hospital on a voluntary basis on July 22, 1952, and was discharged on September 24, 1952.

[REDACTED] advised that the subject was diagnosed as suffering from Huntington's Chorea, which he described as a chronic neurological condition with occasional psychotic manifestations. [REDACTED] said that this is a disease concerning which very little is known and for which there is

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no known cure. He explained that the disease appears to be inherited, noting that it had been determined that the subject's mother had died of a mental disease which appeared to have been Huntington's Chorea. He said that the disease usually strikes men in their late thirties or early forties and follows a rather distinct pattern of periods of neurotic and psychotic behavior followed by periods of apparent complete rationality. This disease is a deteriorating disease in that periods of being rational get shorter and the periods of emotional unbalance get longer until the patient is finally a hopeless mental cripple and finally dies.

[REDACTED] said that it was impossible to determine the length of the disorder because there was so many varied factors involved, but that a patient could live from five to twenty years with the disease. He said that the disease usually manifests itself in the fortieth year and that most patients have succumbed by the time they are 55 or 60 years of age.

[REDACTED] stated that the clinical records indicate that GUTHRIE's case was fairly well advanced and that hospitalization would have been recommended but that because the subject had been a voluntary admission, he could not be held without a court order which would have had to be applied for by the subject's wife. The records indicate that the subject was released in the custody of his wife at the 49 Murdock Court address.

B. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY MOVEMENT

1. Communist Party Membership

The June 19, 1949, issue of the "Daily Worker," which is the East Coast Communist newspaper, Section 2, Pages 3 and 12, carried an article entitled, "My Constitution and Me," by WOODY GUTHRIE. This article is described as a "true short story." In this article, GUTHRIE stated, "The best thing that I did in 1936 though was to sign up with the Communist Party and start turning the open pages of some thicker books. I bought and gave away about a dozen of those little blue U.S.S.R. Constitution books since 1936."

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(u) (X) [T-2] of known reliability and a self-identified former member of the Communist Party, advised on June 20, 1950, that the subject was a hillbilly songster on the radio and that on a number of occasions, the subject had entertained the National Committee of the Communist Party at private affairs during the 1940's.

(u) (X) [T-2] further stated that he observed the subject on a number of occasions at Communist meetings and stated that for a short time the subject wrote a humorous column in Will Rogers' style for the "Daily Worker." This [informant] further stated that the subject was specifically fitting into the infiltration of cultural organizations and specifically in 1945 the radio. According to the informant, the subject had been a member of several Communist front organizations. (u)

(u) (X) [T-3] of known unreliability, advised on October 1, 1951, that he knew the subject as a member of the Music Section of the Communist Party from 1947 to January 1951. The informant advised that the subject wrote the song, "So Long, It's Been Good To Know you," and has made many records, one album for RCA Dust Bowl Ballads.

(u) (X) [T-3] advised that the subject was very active in Peoples Songs, Peoples Artists, Progressive Party and the American Labor Party.

HARVEY MARSHALL MATUSOW, who is considered to be of known unreliability, Staff Sergeant, United States Air Force Reserve, testified on November 27 and 28, 1951, before a subcommittee of the Committee on Un-American Activities of the United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C. MATUSOW testified that at one time the subject was a member of the Brighton Section of the Communist Party in Brooklyn, that the subject is a song writer and a folk singer, and that he had seen the subject on a number of occasions at Communist Party Headquarters.

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The "Daily Worker," issue of August 10, 1953, column 3, page 7, contained an article written by the subject which concerns the review of the subject's book, "Bound For Glory," by MIKE GOLD. In this article, the subject states, "MIKE GOLD's

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"review of my book 'Bound for Glory' has caused me to write you this letter. Last night I sang for the members and friends of the Seagate Branch of the Communist Party." The subject also stated that he was shipping out in a few days as a messman and stated, "I know I won't be afraid of the U-Boats as long as there is a whole world full of people like you back there to keep things going. Gosh, look how the 'Daily Worker' and the 'Peoples World' and the Midwest Labor' keeps afloat."

2. Communist Party Sympathies

(u) [T-5] of unknown reliability, advised that while the subject resided at 3520 Mermaid Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, he received the "Daily Worker" and "The Worker." As previously set forth, the subject resided at the Mermaid Avenue address from January 1946 to October 1950.

T-6, of known reliability, advised on February 25, 1952, that the subject subscribed to the "Daily Worker" and "The Worker" for one year in January 1950. (u)

"The Worker" is the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker," an East Coast Communist newspaper.

T-6 advised on January 7, 1953, that the subject was a subscriber to the "Daily Worker" in May 1952. (u)

The "Daily Worker," issue of January 7, 1945, section 2, column 1, on page 4, contains a full page article written by the subject. This article by the subject states how they got seamen to write letters to Congressmen about unemployment insurance for seamen, citizenship for alien seamen and a GI Bill of Rights for seamen. The subject stated that he wrote 112 one-page letters, and that the total number of letters written by the seamen were 1,029.

The "Daily Worker" issue of January 12, 1947, carries an article written by the subject entitled, "Me and Ingrid."

The "Daily Peoples World" issue of March 3, 1949, column 3, page 4, advertises a "Cradle Will Rock" hootenany which would welcome back WOODY GUTHRIE.

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It is noted that the "Daily Peoples World" is an West Coast Communist newspaper.

The 1948 report of "Un-American Activities in California", which is the report of the Joint Fact Finding Committee to the 1948 regular California Legislature, Sacramento, California, on pages 342 and 343, under the heading of "Daily Peoples World" lists 128 names of individuals who are present or past writers for the "Daily People's World." Included in this list is the name of "WOODY GUTHRIE."

The "Daily People's World", issue of October 5, 1949, page 5, columns 1-6, contains an article by the subject datelined New York and entitled "Charter Records Sing for the People." An editor's note accompanying this article described the subject as an old friend of the "Daily People's World".

T-7, of known reliability, advised on April 22, 1947, that the subject sang and auctioned off songs at a party sponsored by the Communist Party held at the home of [REDACTED] Spokane, Washington. As a result of his services, the party made \$63.00. It was explained that GUTHRIE charged for entertainment at regularly constituted bodies, such as the Rural Electrification, but offered his ability free at Communist affairs in order to help raise money for Communist Party activities. (S) (u) **67C** ↓

This informant also advised that on April 25, 1947, GUTHRIE sang at a money raising party held at the home of [REDACTED] Spokane, Washington. Money was raised at this party for the Emergency Fund to Combat Anti-Communist legislation then pending before Congress. (S) (u)

3. Communist Party fronts

Abraham Lincoln Brigade

The Abraham Lincoln Brigade has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States as coming within the purview of Executive Order 10450.

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(u) [T-8] of known reliability, on January 25, 1950, identified the photograph of the subject as being an individual who has been closely associated with a group of expelled Communist Party members and Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, who were currently meeting in Los Angeles, California. (u) [T-8] advised that this group is organized for sabotage against the United States during war with Russia. They allege they have a direct contact with the Comintern, and that they have a headquarters in the Mexico City, Mexico area. (u) This informant further advised that GUTHRIE has attended a number of meetings of the aforementioned sabotage group, but he is unable to recall the exact dates and places of all the meetings the subject has attended. However, the (u) informant advised that he specifically recalls the subject having, attended the following meetings:

March 26, 1950	-	932 North Lucile Avenue,	
		Los Angeles, California.	
April 23, 1950	-	932 $\frac{1}{2}$ North Lucile Avenue,	
		Los Angeles, California.	
April 29, 1950	-	"	"
April 30, 1950	-	"	"
May 2, 1950	-	"	"
May 6, 1950	-	"	"

Independent Progressive Party

T-9, of known reliability, advised on May 12, 1949, that the Independent Progressive Party in Los Angeles County, California, is under the complete control of the Communist Party. The Communist Party sets the organizational goals of the Independent Progressive Party, lays down its perspectives, organizes its forces, proposes its levels of work and assigns its leadership. (u) (u)

The "Daily Peoples World," issue of March 14, 1949, page 3, column 3, contains an advertisement that WOODY GUTHRIE, noted folk balladist, would be among the entertainers at the Independent Progressive Party's first birthday party to be held March 25, 1949, at Park Manor, 607 Southwestern Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

Peoples Songs

Peoples Songs was cited by the California Committee on Un-American Activities, report of 1948, as a Communist front which was incorporated January 31, 1946, in New York City.

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"All the products of Peoples Songs, Incorporated, follow the Communist Party line as assiduously as do the people behind the organization."

The February 11, 1946 issue of "Peoples Songs", column 1, page 1, indicates the subject was one of the singers at the first public concert presented by Peoples Songs, Incorporated in March 1946.

The subject is listed as a member of the Board of Directors in the issues of "Peoples Songs" which appear between the months of April 1946 and March 1947.

Spanish Refugee Appeal

It is noted that the Spanish Refugee Appeal has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

[T-10, of known reliability, advised on March 17, 1947, that a musical evening on April 11, 1947, at the Needle Trades Auditorium, 225 West 24 Street, New York City, was to be held under the auspices of the Spanish Refugee Appeal. The subject was to partake in the entertainment.](u)

Tom Paine School of Social Science
in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

The Tom Paine School of Social Science, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[T-11, of unknown reliability, advised on April 23, 1949, that WOODY GUTHRIE, of Oklahoma, gave lectures at the Tom Paine School of Social Science in Philadelphia in 1942 on folk songs and music.](u)

International Workers Order

The International Workers Order has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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T-12, of known reliability, advised on July 17, 1950, that the subject was a member of Lodge 514 of the International Workers Order in July 1950. On July 11, 1951, this informant advised the subject was a member of the same lodge in June 1951. On April 17, 1952, the informant advised that the subject was a member of this lodge in April 1952. (S)(u)

Workers School of New York City

(S)(u) T-13, of known reliability, advised on April 14, 1948, that the Workers School of New York City is a Communist Party School, which was absorbed by the Jefferson School of Social Science. The latter has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

T-14, of known reliability, advised on May 21, 1943, that the New York Workers School appointed a committee to plan a Sunday tea to be held at the New York Workers School on May 23, 1943. The entertainment was to be by WOODY GUTHRIE and plans were made for the sale of his new book. (S)(u)

C. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

The following is a composite description of the subject as taken from the Veterans Administration records and as obtained from T-8, T-15 and T-16, all of known reliability: (S)(u)

Name
Aliases

WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE
Woodrow Wilson Guthrie
"Woody" Guthrie

Sex
Race
Age
Birthdate
Birthplace
Residence

Male
White
41
July 14, 1912
Okemah, Oklahoma
Box 263
Rural Route 6
Jacksonville, Florida
5'5"
130 lbs. N.Y.

Height
Weight

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Hair	Reddish-brown
Eyes	Blue or grey
Complexion	Ruddy
Scars and Marks	May have appendectomy scar
Peculiarities	Weather-beaten face
Occupation	Musician, author, free lance folk singer
Marital Status	Wife - MARJORIE GUTHRIE, was: Marjorie Mazia Mrs. Anthony Marra 157-13 85 Street Queens, New York.
Previous wife	Mrs. PERCY D. BAILEY 4002 Bliss Street El Paso, Texas
Immediate Relatives	Daughters- GWENDOLYN GALE GUTHRIE CAROLYN SUE GUTHRIE (of marriage of subject and Mrs. PERCIVAL BAILEY) Son - BILL ROGERS GUTHRIE (of marriage of subject and Mrs. PERCIVAL BAILEY) Subject has three other children by present wife, whose ages were 5, 3, and 2 in 1952. These are residing with their mother at 157-13 85 Street, Queens, New York.
	Father - CHARLEY EDWARD GUTHRIE, living in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, in 1951
	Sister - MARY JO EDSON, residing in Seminole, Oklahoma, in 1951. (see GUTHRIE)
	Brothers - ROY GUTHRIE, residing in Pampa, Texas GEORGE GUTHRIE, residing in California in 1951.
Nationality	American

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Identification

Army Serial Number
Veterans Claim Number
Social Security Number

All from files of
Veterans Administration.
422-346-34
C-157-987-99
547-12-4009.

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T-1

b7C
[redacted], Gravesend Station, USPO, Avenue U and W. 4 St., Bklyn, NY.

Subj's change of address filed on 12/5/52 from 49 Murdock Court to 159-13 85 St.

4/10/53

[redacted]

Instant report

b7C

T-2

LOUIS F. BUDENZ

Subject at CP meeting and entertaining the National Committee of CP at private affairs

6/20/50

[redacted]

62-8988



Subject wrote a humorous column for "Daily Worker"

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(u)

Subject's infiltration into cultural organizations, specifically in 1945, the radio

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b2, b7D
T-3

Furnished subj as 10/1/51 member of movie section of CP, 1947-Jan 1951. Subject active in Peoples Songs, Peoples Artists, Progressive Party.

[redacted]

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T-4

Not utilized

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T-5 b7c [REDACTED] Coney Island Station, USPO Brooklyn.	Subject received "Daily Worker" and "The Worker" while residing at 3520 Mermaid Ave.	1/25/51	[REDACTED]	100-87247-16 b7c ↓
T-6 b2 [REDACTED]	Subj. subscribed to "Daily Worker" and "The Worker" in Jan. 1950	2/25/52	[REDACTED] SE	100-87247-27
T-7 [REDACTED]	Subj's participation in fund raising meetings 4/22, 25/47, Spokane, Wash.	5/6/47	[REDACTED] (oral)	SE 65-1102-579 65-1102-582
T-8 CNDI [REDACTED]	Subj. member of sabotage group	1/25/50	[REDACTED] (written)	(u) LA 100-17796A-245
	Attended meeting of sabotage group	4/14/50	"	LA 100-17796A-247
	Subj's attendance at sabotage group meeting of 3/26/50	"	"	"
	Subj's attendance at sabotage group meeting of 4/23/50	4/23/50	"	La 100-17796A-281
	Subject's attendance at sabotage group meeting of 4/29/50	5/4/50	"	"

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T-8 (Cont'd) CNDI [REDACTED]	Subj's attendance at sabotage group meeting of 4/30/50	5/4/50	[REDACTED] (written)	LA 100-17796A-281
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b2 b7D ↓	Subj's attendance at sabotage group meeting of 5/2/50	5/4/50	"	b7C ↓ LA 100-17796A-281
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	Subj's attendance at sabotage group meeting of 5/6/50	5/8/50	"	LA 100-17796A-282
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	Subj's physical description	4/18/50	"	LA 100-17796A-148
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T-9 CNDI [REDACTED]	Used to document the Independent Progressive Party			
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T-10 [REDACTED]	Subj to entertain at musical on 4/11/47 sponsored by SRA.	3/17/47	Unknown	100-87247-22 p.6
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T-11 [REDACTED]	Subj gave lectures at Tom Paine School in 1942	4/3/49	[REDACTED]	100-87247-22 p.3
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San Juan, P.R.

T-12 [REDACTED]	Subj member of Lodge 514, IWO July 1950	7/17/50	[REDACTED]	100-2936-1A614(8)
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b2 b7D	Member of Lodge 514 IWO June 1951	7/11/51	"	100-2936-1A614(16)
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	Member of Lodge 514 IWO April 1952	4/17/52	[REDACTED]	100-2936-1A614(19)
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T-13	Used to document the Workers School of New York City			
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T-14	Subj will attend tea for Workers School of NYC 5/23/43	5/21/43	written report	65-12830-7
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T-15	Physical description	4/18/50	(written)	LA 100-17796A-148
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T-16	Report submitted by Oklahoma Highway Patrol 4/4/51 set out in Oklahoma Division report.	Relatives of subj unknown	Oklahoma Office	100-87247-23 pl,2
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MISCELLANEOUS

For the information of the Bureau and offices receiving a copy of this report, [T-8 and T-15,] who were closely associated with GUTHRIE during April and May 1950, advised that he personally has never in their presence made any statement relative to sabotage. They added, however, that he was very close to [redacted] and [redacted] both of whom have definitely outlined potential sabotage plans and who are considered by these informants to be the leaders of the sabotage group.

REFERENCE

Report of SA [redacted] 2/24/51, New York.
Report of SA [redacted] 8/3/50, Los Angeles.
Letter from SAC, El Paso to SAC, N.Y., 2/15/50
Letter from SAC Miami to SAC, NY, 7/13/50.

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(u) (u)
[T-2] of known reliability and a self-identified former member of the Communist Party, advised on June 20, 1950, that the subject was a hillbilly songster on the radio and that on a number of occasions, the subject had entertained the National Committee of the Communist Party at private affairs during the 1940's.

(u) (u)
[T-2] further stated that he observed the subject on a number of occasions at Communist meetings and stated that for a short time the subject wrote a humorous column in Will Rogers' style for the "Daily Worker." This informant further stated that the subject was specifically fitting into the infiltration of cultural organizations and specifically in 1945 the radio. According to the informant, the subject had been a member of several Communist front organizations. (u)

(u) (u) [T-3] of known reliability, advised on October 1, 1951, that he knew the subject as a member of the Music Section of the Communist Party from 1947 to January 1951. The informant advised that the subject wrote the song, "So Long, It's Been Good To Know You," and has made many records, one album for RCA Dust Bowl Ballads.

(u) (u) [T-3] advised that the subject was very active in Peoples Songs, Peoples Artists, Progressive Party and the American Labor Party.

HARVEY MARSHALL MATUSOW, staff Sergeant, United States Air Force Reserve, testified on November 27 and 28, 1951, before a subcommittee of the Committee on Un-American Activities of the United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C. MATUSOW testified that at one time the subject was a member of the Brighton Section of the Communist Party in Brooklyn, that the subject is a song writer and a folk singer, and that he had seen the subject on a number of occasions at Communist Party Headquarters.

The "Daily Worker," issue of August 10, 1953, column 3, page 7, contained an article written by the subject which concerns the review of the subject's book, "Bound For Glory," by MIKE GOLD. In this article, the subject states, "MIKE GOLD's

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T-6 [REDACTED] b2 b7D [REDACTED]	Subj subscribed to "Daily Worker" and "The Worker" in Jan. 1950	2/25/52	SE [REDACTED]	100-87247-27
T-7 [REDACTED]	Subj's participation in fund raising meetings 4/22, 25/47, Spokane, Wash.		Awaiting documentation from Seattle	
T-8 CNDI [REDACTED]	Subj member of sabotage group	1/25/50	[REDACTED]	Awaiting documentation from Los Angeles
	Attended meeting of sabotage group	4/14/50	"	"
	Subj's attendance at sabotage group meeting of 3/26/50	"	"	"
	Subj's attendance at sabotage group meeting of 4/23/50	4/23/50	"	"
	Subj's attendance at sabotage group meeting of 4/29/50	5/4/50	[REDACTED]	"

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5/4/50

Awaiting doc. from Los Angeles

Subj's attendance at sabotage group meeting of 5/2/50

5/4/50

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b7C

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Subj's attendance at sabotage group meeting of 5/6/50

5/8/50

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Subj's physical description

4/18/50

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CNDI

Used to document the Independent Progressive Party

T-10

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3/17/47

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T-11

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4/3/49

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San Juan, P.R.

T-12

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7/17/50

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Member of Lodge 514 IWO June 1951

7/11/51

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100-2936-1A614(16)

Member of Lodge 514 IWO April 1952

4/17/52

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T-15 CNDI [REDACTED]	Physical description	4/8/50	[REDACTED]	Awaiting doc. from LA
T-16 Report submitted by Oklahoma Highway Patrol 4/4/51 set out in Oklahoma Division report.	Relatives of subj	unknown	Oklahoma Office	100-87247-23 pl,2

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REFERENCE

Report of SA [REDACTED] 2/24/51, New York.
 Report of SA [REDACTED] 6/3/50, Los Angeles
 Letter from SAC, El Paso to SAC, N.Y., 2/15/50
 Letter from SAC Miami to SAC, NY, 7/13/50.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-29988)

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles (100-32263)

SUBJECT: WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE, was.
SECURITY MATTER - C

DATE: 9/30/53

Re Miami letter to Bureau dated 9/9/53.

On 9/24/53, [REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED] that the above-named subject is presently residing with ONICA MARSHALL at Box 673 Skyline Drive, Topanga, California, and that subject is presently unemployed, although both he and ONICA MARSHALL are doing baby sitting at the Skyline Drive address.

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RBH:PKB
REG.

cc: New York (100-87247)(REG)
Miami (100-12183)(REG)

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ON 11-8-94

Appeal 90-1003

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
ADVISED BY ROUTING
SLIP(S) OF 79.87
DATE

CLASS. & EXT. BY SP-5 [REDACTED]
REASON - FCIM 11, 1-2.4.2
DATE OF REVIEW 6/26/90

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-29988)

DATE: October 14, 1953

FROM : SAC, Miami (100-12183)

SUBJECT: WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE, was.
SECURITY MATTER - C

Card U.T.D.

10-16-53. NEW

T-6
ch LA status

The captioned individual has been the subject of a security investigation by this office. The Los Angeles Division has verified the permanent presence of the subject in its division as residing and working at the addresses listed below. The Los Angeles Division is being considered the new office of origin.

Residence Address: Box 673, Skyline DriveTopanga, CaliforniaBusiness Address: Unemployed

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DATE 6/26/80 BY SP-5
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Check the following applicable statements:

- ☒ This individual has been the subject of a Communist Index Card.
☒ This individual is the subject of a Security Index Card.
 (The Bureau is requested to make the appropriate changes in the Security Index at the Seat of Government. The Los Angeles Division should affix the addresses reflected above and the appropriate case file number.)
☒ This subject was tabbed for Detcom.
☒ This subject was tabbed for Comsab.
☐ This subject was carried as a Key Figure or Top Functionary.
☐ Handwriting specimens have been furnished to the Bureau.
☐ A photograph has been furnished to the Bureau.
☒ A security flash notice has been placed with the Identification Division.
 The following pertinent items are being forwarded to the new office of origin with its copies of this letter:

- ☒ Security Index Cards
☒ Photograph of subject
☒ Serials (specify)
☒ Report of SA [redacted], 4-10-51, New York;
☒ Report of SA [redacted], 7-3-51; Oklahoma City;
☒ Summary report of SA [redacted], 9-11-53, New York

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cc: Los Angeles Division (Encs) (100-32263) (REGISTERED)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Heidelberg, Germany

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Declassify on: ~~OADB~~

VIA ARMY COURIER

Appeal 90/003

Date: March 19, 1954 (INFO classified per Army
Letter dated 10/7/80.)

To: Director, FBI

From: Liaison Representative, Heidelberg (100-0)

Subject: WOODY and ANNEKE GUTHRIE
P.O. Box 673, Topanga, California
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Attached are 1 copies of a 66th CIC Group report dated
Jan. 18, 1954, together with 2 copies of the enclosure thereto,
referring to [REDACTED] German Democratic Republic (Soviet Zone of
Germany, including the Soviet Sector of Berlin).

The attached material was made available by the Assistant
Chief of Staff, G-2, Headquarters, United States Army, Europe.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-29988)

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-32263)

SUBJECT: WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE, was
Security Matter - C
Office of Origin: Los Angeles

DATE: March 24, 1954

Re summary report of SA [REDACTED] dated 9/11/53 at New York.

As of 1/5/54, subject continued to reside at Box 673, Skyline Drive, Topanga, California, and was unemployed.

No additional information has been received regarding any Communist activities on the part of subject since referenced summary report which contains previous information available in the Los Angeles files.

In view of subject's reported CP membership as late as 1/51, he is being retained on the Los Angeles Security Index.

One copy of referenced summary report was furnished this office by the Miami Office when that office submitted FD-128 dated 10/14/53. It is noted that at the date of this report, the New York Office was awaiting documentation requested of the Los Angeles Office, in order to complete the administrative pages of this report. The necessary documentation was furnished the New York Office by letter dated 11/23/53, however, amended administrative pages have never been received.

New York is requested to submit the necessary amended pages to this report upon the receipt of which this case will be closed in this office.

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CC: New York (100-87247)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. Tolson **FD-36**
Mr. Boardman
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Belmont
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Mr. Mohr
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Sizoo
Mr. Winterrowd
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Mr. Holloman

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Transmit the following ~~teletype~~ message to:

FBI, LOS ANGELES

5/25/54

5:10 PM

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-29988)

WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE, WAS., SM-C. RE REPORT SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SEPTEMBER ELEVEN, FIFTY-THREE AT NEW YORK AND RE
LOS ANGELES LETTERS TO NEW YORK NOVEMBER TWENTY-THREE, FIFTY-
THREE AND MARCH TWENTY-FOUR LAST. NEW YORK PLEASE COMPLY
WITH MY REQUEST AS SET OUT IN LAST REFERENCED LETTER.

MALONE

HNB:BAJ
100-32263

cc: NEW YORK (100-87247)(REGISTERED) AIR MAIL

Mr. Belmont

AIR MAIL - REGISTERED

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Approved:

John F. Malone
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M

Per _____

RAIMON GARDNER

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-29988)

DATE: 6/7/54

FROM : SAC, New York (100-87247)

SUBJECT: WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE, was.
SM - C

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Appeal 90-1003

Re Los Angeles Air-tel to Director and NY, dated 5/25/54.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 5 copies each of amended pages 15 and 16 of NY report of SA [REDACTED] dated 9/11/53.

Enclosed for Los Angeles is one copy each of amended pages 15 and 16 of same report.

For info. of Los Angeles, T-1, of known reliability [REDACTED] advised SA [REDACTED] on 4/5/54 that he had learned through a couple of friends of his, [REDACTED] that some of the people connected with People's Artists were sponsoring weekly get-togethers in the apartment of WILL GEER. The [REDACTED] attended one of these affairs and told the source a charge of \$1.00 was made, but no mention was made as to what the money was to be used for. The meetings were real left-wing affairs with many People's Artists entertainers present. Among those attending were WOODIE GUTHRIE. (u)

Encs. (10)

16 ENCL
 5/11/54
 RM Chas. 6-21-54 TIK.

2-Los Angeles (100-32263)(RM) (Encs. 2)

CLASS. & EXT. BY SP-5 [REDACTED]
 REASON - FCIM 11, 1-2.4.2
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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
 AND FIELD OFFICES
 ADVISED BY ROUTING
 SLIP
 DATE 7/10/80

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12 JUN 1954

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-29988)

FROM : SAC, New York (100-87247)

SUBJECT: WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE, was
SECURITY MATTER - C

DATE: 6/25/54

Rerep of SA [REDACTED] 9/11/53, NY, re Los Angeles air-tel to Director and NY dated 5/25/54, NY letter to Director and Los Angeles dated 6/7/54.

Enclosed for Bureau are five copies of amended page 17 of NY report dated 9/11/53.

Enclosed for Miami are two copies of same amended page; 1 copy is enclosed for Los Angeles. RUC

Encs. 5

- 1 - Los Angeles (100-32263)(RM)(Enc.1)
1 - Miami (100-12183)(RM)(Encs. 2)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-29988)
FROM : SAC, Los Angeles (100-32263)
SUBJECT: WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE, was.
SECURITY MATTER - C

DATE: August 12, 1954

Card U.T.D.

8-23-54

It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

X The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME _____

ALIASES _____

NATIVE BORN _____ NATURALIZED _____ ALIEN _____

COMMUNIST _____ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY _____ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE _____

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) _____

TAB FOR DETCOM _____ TAB FOR COMSAB _____ RACE _____ SEX _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

Unknown

NATURE OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS (Specify from Vital Facility List) _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS Unknown

DWE:gbw

NOT RECORDED
10 AUG 17 1954

A. J. Leonard

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **LOS ANGELES**

REPORT MADE AT EL PASO	DATE WHEN MADE 9-14-54	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8-7,11,13,16,31-54	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE, was. Woodrow Wilson Guthrie, Woody Guthrie, Woodie Guthrie			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <i>yes NB</i> Subject arrived El Paso, Texas, 8-6-54, stating he came from Denver, Colorado. He stayed at the home of [REDACTED] 517 Chelsa Drive. [REDACTED] of P. D. BAILEY, who is married to subject's ex-wife and who has custody of subject's children. [REDACTED] and his relatives did not desire to see subject. GUTHRIE departed from El Paso 8-9-54 for Tulsa, Oklahoma, stating he was going to New York. GUTHRIE reportedly showed his children a Communist Party card and bragged about being arrested as a Communist. He urged his children to see the movie "Salt of the Earth."			
DETAILS: <u>AT EL PASO, TEXAS</u> BACKGROUND <i>7-9-54</i>			AGENCY _____ REQ. REC'D _____ REP'T FORW. _____ BY _____
El Paso confidential informant T-1, of known reliability, on August 16, 1954, advised as follows: The subject's children, residing with subject's ex-wife, Mrs. PERCY D. BAILEY, El Paso are as follows: AGENCY <i>photo</i> OSI DIST OFF 4 REG. REC'D <i>10-23-54</i> REP'T FORW. <i>11-9-54</i> BY <i>JDS-uc</i> Re. (Poss. present spouse - <i>Margorie Greenblatt</i>)			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">100-29988-31</div> <div style="text-align: center;">24 SEP 20 1954</div>	
COPIES DESTROYED <i>7/25/38</i> COPIES OF THIS REPORT: 5 - Bureau 3 - Los Angeles (100-32263) (AMR) 2 - El Paso (100-4802) <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">COPY IN FILE</div>		RECORDED - 43 INDEXED - 43 EX-129	

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BILL ROGERS GUTHRIE, age 15
CAROLYN SUE GUTHRIE, age 18

Another daughter born to the subject and Mrs. BAILEY, GWENDOLYN GAIL LACKEY nee GUTHRIE, age 19, is married to FRANK LACKEY and resides on San Antonio Street, El Paso, Texas.

T-1 advised that [REDACTED] would be willing to testify concerning [REDACTED] on any Communist matters inasmuch as they do not desire to have anyone know that [REDACTED] is a Communist and inasmuch as they are "sick about the whole thing."

ACTIVITIES

T-1 on August 7, 1954, advised as follows:

Subject appeared in El Paso on the night of August 6, 1954, at the home of [REDACTED] El Paso, stating he had just arrived from Denver, Colorado, to visit them. [REDACTED] of PERCY D. BAILEY, who is now married to subject's ex-wife, all reside in El Paso, Texas, was very concerned about the subject's visit inasmuch as he and his relatives are not interested in any Communist matters and were afraid that people would learn of the subject's visit to El Paso. GUTHRIE was very vague about why he visited them in El Paso after an absence of 10 years and was also vague concerning his plans. T-1 noted that subject had changed in appearance and now "appears beat up and has grey hair."

On August 16, 1954, T-1 advised of the following:

Subject, GUTHRIE, departed from El Paso for Tulsa, Oklahoma, by bus on August 9, 1954, (according to subject's statement). Subject advised that he would possibly be in Tulsa for a week and then would proceed to New York City. T-1 was of the opinion that subject would visit the places he regularly goes to on trips to New York. While in El Paso the subject attempted to convert his two children, BILL ROGERS GUTHRIE, age 15, and CAROLYN SUE GUTHRIE, age 18, to his Communist way of thinking according to T-1.

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Subject, according to BILL GUTHRIE and CAROLYN SUE GUTHRIE, his children, showed them a Communist Party card with his name on it (which T-1 believes was issued at New York), and subject also bragged to them about being arrested as a Communist. [REDACTED] b7c

T-1 further advised that subject was in Silver City, New Mexico, when the movie "Salt of the Earth" was being filmed and subject was emphatic about wanting his children, BILL and CAROLYN, to see the movie. T-1 believes subject had something to do with writing the script for the movie.

T-1 advised that subject stated he has just finished a book 400 pages long which is now in the hands of his publishers. T-1 also advised that subject, when in Los Angeles, can be reached in care of WILLY GER, an actor.

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<u>Identity of Source</u>	<u>Date of Activity And/or Description of Information</u>	<u>Date Received</u>	<u>Agent to whom Furnished</u>	<u>File Number where Located</u>
T-1 is [REDACTED] [REDACTED] El Paso, Texas.	Arrival of subject at El Paso, Texas, and information con- cerning activities and departure of subject from El Paso.	8-7,16-54	SA [REDACTED]	b7c

REFERENCE:

El Paso airtel to Denver with copy to Los Angeles dated
8-7-54.

Los Angeles airtel to El Paso dated 8-12-54.

Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 8-3-50, Los Angeles.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-29988)

DATE: 12/17/54

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles (100-32263)

SUBJECT: WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE, was,
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OO: Los AngelesALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 6/26/80 BY SP-5
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Re Los Angeles letter to New York dated 10/8/54,
New York letter to Los Angeles dated 10/21/54, and Cincinnati
letter to Los Angeles dated 11/24/54.

The above-captioned individual is presently carried
on the Security Index of the Los Angeles Office.

Since 6/27/54, this subject's exact whereabouts
have been unknown. Per report of SA [REDACTED] dated
9/14/54 at El Paso, Texas, subject visited El Paso on 8/7/54
supposedly en route to New York City. **67C**

On 9/3/54, the Identification Division advised
this office that the subject had been arrested by the Police
Department in Tulsa, Oklahoma on 8/13/54 for investigation,
and was again arrested by the Police Department at Columbus,
Ohio on 8/24/54 for trespassing, disposition unknown.

Based upon the above information, this office requested
New York on 10/8/54 to contact known associates of the subject and
informants who are familiar with his past activities to ascertain
the subject's present whereabouts and employment. New York
promptly replied on 10/21/54, with copy to Cincinnati, requesting
that office to ascertain the facts surrounding subject's arrest
in Columbus, Ohio, and any information given by the subject to
the arresting officers as to his proposed itinerary, present
whereabouts, and possible residence in New York City.

Cincinnati advised this office, with copy to New
York, that the Columbus, Ohio Police Department charged the
subject with trespassing on 8/24/54 and that subject was
released on 8/25/54. The subject listed his address as 517
East 5th Street, New York, New York, Apartment 14. The subject
stated that he was married and that his wife was currently
living in New York City, where she was employed by the New York
Telephone Company as an operator. It was the subject's intention

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cc: New York (100-87247)(REGISTERED)

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Director, FBI

Re: WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE, was.
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to visit his wife in New York City when he was released by the Columbus Police Department.

The Los Angeles Office is awaiting the results of the investigation now being conducted by the New York Office and will advise the Bureau promptly upon receipt thereof.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-29988)

DATE: 1/5/55

FROM : SAC, New York (100-87247)

SUBJECT: WOODROE WILLSON GUTHRIE, was
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(OO: Los Angeles)

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Re Los Angeles let to the Bureau dated 12/17/54.

[redacted] of the premises at 517 E. 5th St. on 12/28/54 advised that WOODY GUTHRIE and GUTHRIE'S wife had moved out sometime ago. [redacted] was unable to advise where the GUTHRIES moved. [redacted] stated he did not know the name of subject's wife but that she was employed as a telephone operator in NYC.

A pretext telephone call to MARJORIE MARIA MARRA, subject's ex-wife, 159-13 85th St., Queens, NY, revealed that GUTHRIE is an inmate of Brooklyn State Hospital for the mentally ill, Brooklyn, NY. Mrs. MARRA also stated that GUTHRIE had married again.

[redacted] Brooklyn State Hospital for the mentally ill, 681 Clarkson Ave., Brooklyn, NY advised on 12/30/54 that WOODROE W. GUTHRIE is a patient at that institution.

Los Angeles will take appropriate steps to transfer the office of origin to NY. RUC.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-29988)

FROM : SAC, New York (100-87247)

SUBJECT: WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE, was;
SECURITY MATTER - C

DATE: 2/3/55

Rebuairtel, 1/28/55, and New York airtel, 2/3/55, captioned "HARVEY MATUSOW; FORMER SECURITY INFORMANT," and containing instructions concerning corrective action to be taken in those cases where information was furnished by MATUSOW.

In this connection, there is being enclosed herewith five copies for the Bureau and three copies for Miami of amended page 6 of the report of SA [REDACTED] dated September 11, 1953, at New York, in the above-captioned matter.

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Appropriate changes have been made in the New York copies of this report and the amended pages have been inserted.

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1 - Miami (100-12183)(Encs. 3)
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW YORK

3/8/00
CLASSIFIED BY AUC 39677SAH/DB
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REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 2/9/55	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/14, 17/55	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] <i>per Army letter 2/24/00</i> 67C
TITLE WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE, was.		CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C 11-8-94	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <i>yes</i> GUTHRIE formerly resided on Skyline Drive, Box 673, Topanga, California, and was unemployed. GUTHRIE currently a patient at Brooklyn State Hospital for the mentally ill, 681 Clarkson Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. GUTHRIE reportedly attended a "get together" sponsored by Peoples artists in New York on an unknown date. Reliable informants report that subject unknown to them. <i>bracketed info in synopsis per Army letter 1/24/80.</i> <i>APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY SLIP(S) BY 79-80</i> <i>Classified by SP7AG/lmb</i> <i>Declassify on OADR</i> <i>Appeal 90-1003</i> <i>4/1/2</i>			
DETAILS: AGENCY <u>ACSI</u> REQ. REC'D <u>6/23/67</u> REP'T FORM <u>6/23/67</u> - RUC - BY <u>PDP: 27m</u>		AGENCY <u>DR</u> <i>per Army</i> REQ. REC'D <u>2-24-65</u> DATE FORW. <u>0-9</u> HOW FORW. <u>Wmm/er</u>	
All informants used are of known reliability, unless otherwise indicated. [T-1] (U)		CLASS. & EXT. <u>SP-5</u> REASON - FCIM <u>1, 1.2.4</u> DATE OF REVIEW <u>6/24/80</u> <i>OSI DIST OFF 4</i> <i>REG. REC'D. 16-2-3-37</i> <i>REP'T. FORM 11-9-57</i> <i>BY JGS - inf</i>	
WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE on January 5, 1954, resided at Box 673, Skyline Drive, Topanga, California, and was unemployed. [T-2] (U)		<i>cc PR by [initials]</i> <i>Xerox - Anterior</i> <i>3-30-66</i> <i>RECEIVED</i>	
GUTHRIE as of January 5, 1955, was a patient at the Brooklyn State Hospital for the mentally ill, 681 Clarkson Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.		<i>100-299881-34</i> <i>RECORDED - 80</i> <i>INDEXED - 80</i> <i>EX-125</i>	
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Identification Division, FBI

The following record for GUTHRIE was furnished on September 1, 1954, under FBI #3 673 601.

Contributor of fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
CS Commission Wash DC	Woodrow Wilson Guthrie Residence: Portland Auto Court St. not given Born: 7-14-12	PF 5-13-41 (city & st not given)	Position: Narrator- Actor Interior- Bonneville Power Adm. 901 Guardian Building Portland Oregon	
USM NYC NY	Woodrow W. Guthrie #033-10	11-15-42	Selective Service	11-15-43 dismissed
DCGO 3rd Naval Dist NY NY	Woodrow Wilson Guthrie #031-1750579-WS	CG ident card 4-6-45		
Army	Woodrow W. Guthrie #42 234 634	5-8-45 NY NY		
USM Brooklyn NY	Woodrow W. Guthrie #10815	4-29-49	sending obscene matter through public carriers	pending 11-30-49 PG sent 6 mos chg of mailing non mailable matter
Fed Det Hdqtrs NY NY	Woodrow Wilson Guthrie #58991	11-30-49	mailing non-mailable matter	6 mos 12-22- 49 amended sent - sent reduced to time served and to exp forthwith
SO Greenville SC	Woodrow Wilson Guthrie #11194	6-23-54	inv	

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Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
SO Ventura Calif	Woodrow Wilson Guthrie #20743	7-2-54	vag-roamer	7-6-54 relsd no chg files
PD Tulsa Okla	Woodrow Wilson Guthrie #31202	8-13-54	inv	lib 8-15-54
PD Columbus Ohio	Woodrow Wilson Guthrie #44874	8-24-54	trespassing	

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY

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per Army Intell.

[T-3] (u)

A foreign source abroad, of known reliability, has reported that information has been received that GUTHRIE [REDACTED] prior to 1954. This addressee is in the Soviet Sector of Berlin. (C) classified by Army letter dated 10/4/80.

[T-4] (u)

GUTHRIE reportedly attended a "get together" sponsored by the Peoples Artists in New York on an unknown date in 1954. (u)

The Peoples Artists, Incorporated, was cited by the California Committee on un-American activities in its 1948 report as a Communist front organization.

[T-5] (u)

Informant, who has some knowledge of Communist Party activity in the Los Angeles area, advised in January, 1955, that GUTHRIE was unknown to him. (u)

[T-6] (u)

Informant, who has some knowledge of CP activity in the Los Angeles area, advised in January, 1955, that the subject was unknown to him. (u)

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CALIF.
 The Los Angeles indices contain no information concerning GUTHRIE's wife, ANNEKE. A review of GUTHRIE's file reflects that GUTHRIE has not been personally observed. *MRS. Woodrow Wilson Guthrie*

Detcom and Comsab tabbing being retained inasmuch as it was reported that GUTHRIE was closely associated with a group of expelled CP members and veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, who were organized for sabotage. *CALIF.*

INFORMANTS

Identity of Source	Date of Activity and/or Description of Information	Date Received	Agent to whom Furnished	File # where Located
T-1 <i>b2, b7D</i> [REDACTED]	1/5/54	1/5/54	SA [REDACTED]	100-32263, Ser. 48
T-2 <i>b7C</i> [REDACTED] Brooklyn State Hospital	1/5/55	1/10/55	New York Division <i>b7C</i>	100-32263, Ser. 75
T-3 Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Headquarters, U. S. Army Europe	66th CIC Group report 1/18/54	4/9/54	Liaison representation Heidelberg	100-32263, Ser. 52 <i>(X) (u)</i>
T-4 <i>b2, b7D</i> CS [REDACTED] <i>↓</i>	Unknown	4/5/54	SA [REDACTED]	100-32263, Ser. 54
T-5 [REDACTED]	1/14/55	1/14/55	SA [REDACTED]	Oral
T-6 [REDACTED]	1/14/55	1/14/55	SE [REDACTED]	Oral

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REFERENCES

Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 9/14/54 at El Paso.
Summary report of SA [REDACTED] dated 9/11/53 at Miami.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-29988)

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-32263)

SUBJECT: WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE, Was.
SM - C

DATE: 2/8/55

Card U.T.D.

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The captioned individual has been the subject of a security investigation by this office. The New York Division has verified the permanent presence of the subject in its division as residing and working at the addresses listed below. The New York Division is being considered the new office of origin.

Residence Address: Patient - Brooklyn State Hospital for

Mentally Ill, 681 Clarkson Avenue

Business Address: Brooklyn, New York.

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Check the following applicable statements:

- ☒ This individual has been the subject of a Communist Index Card.
 - ☒ This individual is the subject of a Security Index Card.
(The Bureau is requested to make the appropriate changes in the Security Index at the Seat of Government. The New York Division should affix the addresses reflected above and the appropriate case file number.)
 - ☒ This subject was tabbed for Detcom.
 - ☒ This subject was tabbed for Comsab.
 - ☐ This subject was carried as a Key Figure or Top Functionary.
 - ☐ Handwriting specimens have been furnished to the Bureau.
 - ☐ A photograph has been furnished to the Bureau.
 - ☒ A security flash notice has been placed with the Identification Division.
- The following pertinent items are being forwarded to the new office of origin with its copies of this letter:

- ☒ Security Index Cards
- ☐ 2 photographs.
- ☐ Serials (specify)
- ☐ Report of SA [redacted] dated 9/14/54 at El Paso.
- ☐ Identification Record for WOODROW WILSON GUTHRIE under FBI #3673601 dated 9/1/54.
- ☐ Report of SA [redacted] dated 2/8/55 at Los Angeles.

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1 cc to [redacted]
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REGISTERED New York Division (Enc.) (100-87247)(REG.)
cc: Identification Division

INVEST. SEC. STAFF

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO :
FROM :
SUBJECT:

Director, FBI (100-29988)

DATE: 5/16/55

SAC, New York (100-87247)

WOODROW WILSON GUTHRIE, was
SM - C

Reference: 11-8-94
Appeal 90-1003.
SAC letter 55-30, 4/12/55.

Succinct Resume of Case

In August, 1954, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], El Paso, Texas, advised that the subject, according to BILL and CAROLINE SUE GUTHRIE, his children, age fifteen and eighteen, respectively, showed them, his children, a CP card with his name on it in August, 1954, and bragged about being arrested as a Communist. (Admissible; [REDACTED] identity kept confidential by El Paso Office.)

Subject wrote an article for the "Daily Worker", 6/19/49 issue, in which he admitted joining the CP in 1936.

On 6/20/50, LOUIS F. BUDENZ, formerly managing editor of the "Daily Worker" and a CP functionary until he broke with CP in October, 1945, advised SA [REDACTED], that he met GUTHRIE on a number of occasions in Communist meetings and when he was entertaining the National Committee of CP during the 1940's. BUDENZ further advised GUTHRIE wrote humorous column for the "Daily Worker"; that from his acquaintance with GUTHRIE and from reports from ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG, former member of National Committee of CP, through the Cultural Commission of "Daily Worker" and in the Politburo, he knew that GUTHRIE was a very zealous Communist. BUDENZ said that he received these reports down to the time he left CP, that these reports were on cultural activities and how GUTHRIE specifically was fitting into the infiltration of cultural organizations.

[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA [REDACTED], on 5/6/47, that subject, on 4/22/47, sang and auctioned off songs at party sponsored by CP, held at the home of [REDACTED], Spokane, Washington, as a result of which services furnished by subject made \$63.00. [REDACTED] of the Spokane Sect. of CP, USA. It was explained that GUTHRIE charged for entertainment at regularly constituted bodies but offered his ability free at Communist affairs in order to help raise money for CP activities.

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DATE OF REVIEW 6/20/90

cc to New York
6-7-55

Security Index card cancelled

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OK for S.I.

Return Determined
5/25/55

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
AND FIELD OFFICES
ADVISED BY ROUTING
SLIP 5/20/55

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Letter to Director, FBI
NY 100-87247

The February, 1946 issue of "People's Songs" lists WOODY GUTHRIE as member of Advisory Committee.

The subject is listed as member of Board of Directors of "People's Songs", in the issues which appear between months of April, 1946 and March, 1947.

"People's Songs" was cited by the California Committee on Un-American Activities, report of 1948, as a Communist front which was incorporated 1/31/46 in NYC. "All of the productions of 'People's Songs', Inc. follow the Communist Party line as assiduously as do the people behind the organization".

CNDI [REDACTED], who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised between 1/25/50 and 5/8/50, that the subject was closely associated with a group of expelled CP members and Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade who were meeting in Los Angeles. The informant advised that the group was organized for sabotage against the US during war with Russia. The informant specifically recalled the subject attending six meetings during this period. (Admissible.)

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On 3/9/55, [REDACTED] Brooklyn, State Hospital for the Mentally Ill, Brooklyn, New York, advised the subject is a patient at that hospital; that he was admitted voluntarily, and, therefore, can be discharged when he, the subject, desires. The subject is suffering from Huntington's Chorea, a chronic neurological condition with occasional psychotic manifestations. It is a deteriorating disease with no known cure and is eventually fatal. A victim of this disease can live from five to twenty years and most patients have succumbed by the time they are fifty-five to sixty years old.

(It is noted that the) subject is forty-four years old.

Recommendation

Retain in Security Index.

Reportedly CP member in August, 1954; in 1950 he was closely associated with group of expelled CP members and Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade who were organized for sabotage. Although subject is a patient at Brooklyn State Hospital for the Mentally Ill, he can be discharged when he desires because he voluntarily entered the hospital.

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Letter to Director, FBI
NY 100-87247

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Detcom Tabbing

I. Present tabbing - Detcom and Comsab.

II. Subject not approved for Detcom tabbing under new criteria set out in SAC letter 55-12 (A), 2/10/55. Security Index card bearing stamp "Detcom" in large red letters not received from Bureau.

III. Retain on Detcom tabbing. In 1950 the subject was closely associated with a group of expelled CP members and Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade organized for sabotage.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-29988)

DATE: 5/10/55

glp: SAC, New York (100-87247)SUBJECT: WOODROW WILSON GUTHRIE, was
SM - C*Being handled
in connection with
S.I. review per SAC ev 55-30
5/20/55
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It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

☒ The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME _____

ALIASES _____

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NATIVE BORN _____ NATURALIZED _____ ALIEN _____

COMMUNIST _____ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY _____ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE _____

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) _____

TAB FOR DETCOM _____ TAB FOR COMSAB ~~delete~~ RACE _____ SEX _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

KEY FACILITY DATA:

GEOGRAPHICAL REFERENCE NUMBER _____ RESPONSIBILITY _____

INTERESTED AGENCIES _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS _____

REGISTERED MAIL

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-29988)

DATE: 5/18/55

JFK: SAC, New York (100-87247)

SUBJECT: WOODROW WILSON GUTHRIE, was
SM - CRerep of SA [REDACTED] 2/9/55, Los Angeles, and FD 128
from Los Angeles, 2/9/55.

On 3/9/55 [REDACTED], Brooklyn State Hospital for the
Mentally Ill, 681 Clarkson Ave., Brooklyn, NY, advised SA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] that the subject is a patient in the Male Reception
Building at that hospital. [REDACTED] advised that the subject
is suffering from Huntington's Chorea, a chronic neurological con-
dition with occasional psychotic manifestations. It is a deteriorating
disease with no known cure and is eventually fatal.

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[REDACTED] explained that the subject is not insane but
is afflicted with severe mental depressions which cause him to go
on severe alcoholic binges. [REDACTED] further advised that the
subject will be paralyzed eventually, but could not say when this
will happen. [REDACTED] said that the subject's admission to
the hospital was voluntary and, therefore, the subject can be
discharged if he so desires.

On 4/15/55, [REDACTED] of the Brook-
lyn State Hospital for the Mentally Ill, advised that the subject
was still a patient at that institution.

It is noted that on 4/10/53, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] of the Brooklyn State Hospital for the Mentally Ill,
advised SA [REDACTED] that a patient could live from five
to twenty years with Huntington's Chorea and that most patients
have succumbed by the time they are fifty-five to sixty years old.
At the time clinical records indicated that the subject's case was
fairly well advanced.

A separate memorandum is being submitted to the Bureau
recommending that the subject be retained on the Security Index
of the NYO with Detcom tabbing. FD 122 is being submitted to
delete Comsab tabbing.

Inasmuch as there is no investigation outstanding, this
case is being closed.

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TO :

Director, FBI (100-29988)

DATE:

6/13/55

Att: Identification Division

FROM :

SAC, New York (100-87247)

SUBJECT:

WOODROW WILSON GUTHRIE, was
SM-C

The Security Index card on the above subject has
been cancelled in Security Index Review Program.

It is requested that the Security Flash Notice
posted be removed.

SI Card Cancelled
4/24/55

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TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman *JMB*

DATE: June 3, 1955

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont *AB*SUBJECT: WOODROW WILSON GUTHRIE
SECURITY MATTER - C
BUFILE 100-29988

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Re attached New York letter 5-16-55 containing recommendation that subject's name be retained in Security Index.

ACTIVITIES IN LAST FIVE YEARS:

Harvey Matusow, of known unreliability advised 10-1-51 he knew subject as member of Music Section, CP, from 1947, to January, 1951. [redacted] of known reliability advised subject subscribed to "Daily Worker" and "The Worker" in 1950 and "Daily Worker" in May, 1952. [redacted] of known reliability advised subject member of IWO in 1950-51 and 52. IWO has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 10450. [redacted] of known reliability advised subject attended "get together" sponsored by People's Artists in New York in 1954. The People's Artists, Incorporated was cited by California Committee on Un-American Activities in its 1948 report as a Communist front organization. In August, 1954, [redacted] El Paso, [redacted] advised subject, according to Bill and Caroline Sue Guthrie, subject's children age 15 and 18 respectively, displayed a Communist Party card to them with his name on it in August, 1954, and bragged about being arrested as a Communist. (u)

STATUS OF HEALTH:

On 3-9-55, [redacted] Brooklyn, State Hospital for the Mentally Ill, Brooklyn, New York, advised subject is patient at that hospital; he was admitted voluntarily, and, therefore, can be discharged when he, the subject, desires. Subject is suffering from Huntington's Chorea, a chronic neurological condition with occasional psychotic manifestations. It is a deteriorating disease with no known cure and is eventually fatal. A victim of this disease can live from five to twenty years and most patients have succumbed by the time they are fifty-five to sixty years old. Subject is forty-four years old.

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cc-Boardman *sent*

Belmont

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Memo Belmont to Boardman
Dated June 3, 1955
(Continued)

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of subject's health status and the lack of reliable firsthand information reflecting CP membership in the last five years, it is recommended subject's SI card be cancelled. If you agree, there is attached a letter to the New York Office.

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United States Senate

Encl

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Respectfully referred to
Congressional Liaison

Federal Bureau of Investigation

for such consideration as the communication
herewith submitted may warrant, and for a report
thereon, in duplicate to accompany return of
inclosure.

By direction of

Mark O. Hatfield

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GPO 16-7267-2

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Correspondence

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Webster - nml

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EX-102

Honorable Mark O. Hatfield
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

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My dear Senator:

On September 15th I received your communication
together with a copy of the letter sent to you by Mr. [redacted] 67C

Although I would like to be of assistance to your
constituent, information in our files must be maintained as con-
fidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of
Justice. I regret I am unable to be of assistance to him in this
matter.

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As you requested, your enclosure is being returned.

Sincerely yours,

[signature] TEB

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COMM-FBI

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosure

NOTE: Senator Hatfield is on the Special Correspondents List. [redacted] was
sent a letter on 5-15-66 in reply to his inquiry if the flouridation of water was
a communist inspired program. [redacted] files contain no record identifiable with
American Intelligence of Spokane, Washington. Woodrow Guthrie was on the
Security index of the New York Office and was the subject of Security Matter-
C Investigation which was discontinued due to his hospitalization for an incur-
able disease and the absence of first-hand reliable information as to his
Communist Party Activities. He was listed on pages 342 and 343 of the 1948
report of "Un-American Activities in California" a document prepared by the
joint fact finding committee to the 1948 California Legislature.

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[signature] [signature] [signature] [signature]


September 7, 1967

67C

The Honorable Mark Hatfield
The United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Hatfield:

As a result of Secretary Udall's naming a Bonneville Power sub-station after Woody Guthrie, a folk singer who has written for The Daily Worker and The People's World, and who is or was alleged to be or to have been a member of the Communist Party, a local controversy has arisen.



I have a 1948 report of the Joint Committee of the California State Legislature on un-American activities, which states that Guthrie was a communist. A similar report comes from the American Intelligence Service, of Spokane, Washington.

Local admirers of Woody Guthrie resent and deny the communist tag line unless it is approved by the F. B. I.

Can you through your connections do two things:

1. Ascertain if Guthrie was a communist.
2. If he was, can you take some action to get the name "Woody Guthrie" eliminated as a name for a Federally owned power station.

Respectfully yours,

67C

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